



Our Community Survey

Short Version

We need a picture of the whole community

Dear Resident,

This is the **short version** of the *Connecting the Community* survey. The survey is part of a project to help understand and build the local community.

The survey is being given to **one person in each household in the Warnervale district** which has **not** already returned a completed long version of the survey. Where there is more than one person living in a household we are asking for the person, aged 18 years or over, with the first birthday after January 1st to complete the survey. This will ensure we have a random sample.

This is a **joint project** of Wyong Shire Council and UnitingCare Burnside. If you would like any further information, please contact Sandra Hejtmanek at Council on ph: 4350 5171.

All the information you pass onto us in the survey is **anonymous** (do not put your name on the questionnaire). It will also remain **confidential** (individual questionnaires will not be released).

The **report** of the findings from the survey will be made available to the community. It will describe the community as a whole. A summary will be provided to each household along with information about how to get a copy of the full report.

We wish to be able to send reminders to follow up late survey returns because it is **important we hear from every household**. To maintain anonymity and allow us to follow up late returns could you:

- **Complete the survey and put it in the mail by Friday 31st August** in the reply paid envelope provided. Mail it to Wyong Council, Reply Paid 20, Wyong, NSW 2259
AND
- **Mail the enclosed postcard** (which says you have put your completed questionnaire in the mail) to Reply Paid 72863 Warnervale NSW 2259 so we know who has returned the questionnaire - but we will not know which questionnaire is yours.

Thanks.

Are you the right person to fill out the questionnaire?

Are you the person in the household, aged 18 years or over, who has the first birthday after January 1st this year?

- YES - please continue and complete the survey
- NO - please ask that person to complete the survey

For example, if there are two adults in the household, and one has his/her birthday in March and the other adult has his/her birthday in August then the adult with the birthday in March should complete the questionnaire.

It is very important that this person completes the survey. It is our way of ensuring that we have a random sample of residents. This is essential for the success of the survey.

Instructions for filling out the survey

Most questions are either Tick a box **OR** Circle a number 1 2 **③** 4 5 6 7
In some questions you are asked to write in some words or numbers, eg,
What is the location of your work? *Hornsby*.....
If a question is not relevant for you, please tick: not applicable

About living in Warnervale

1a) How long have you been at your current address in the Warnervale District?

(Please tick a box.)

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> ₁ Less than 12 months | <input type="checkbox"/> ₅ 4 years |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ₂ 1 year | <input type="checkbox"/> ₆ 5-10 years |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ₃ 2 years | <input type="checkbox"/> ₇ more than 10 years |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ₄ 3 years | |

b) Which suburb do you live in?

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> ₁ Halloran | <input type="checkbox"/> ₄ Wallarah |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ₂ Hamlyn Terrace | <input type="checkbox"/> ₅ Warnervale |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ₃ Wadalba | <input type="checkbox"/> ₆ Woongarra |

c) Do you live on a rural or residential property? ₁ Rural ₂ Residential

Where you lived three years ago and your plans for the future

2a) Where were you living in June 1998?

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|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> ₁ At current address |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ₂ In Wyong Shire - name of town/suburb:..... postcode:..... |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ₃ Outside Wyong Shire - name of town/suburb:..... postcode:..... |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ₄ Outside Australia |

b) How long do you plan to stay in the Warnervale District?

- | |
|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> ₁ Less than 1 year |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ₂ 1-2 years |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ₃ 3-5 years |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ₄ 6-10 years |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ₅ More than ten years |

Family, friends and neighbours

Where are the **majority** of the following types of people located?

(Please tick **ONE** box for each question.)

3a) **Family** (not in laws) who do not live with you

- | | | | | |
|---|---|--|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> ₁ In your street/ close neighbourhood | <input type="checkbox"/> ₂ Warnervale District | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ₃ Wyong Shire | <input type="checkbox"/> ₄ Central Coast | <input type="checkbox"/> ₅ Sydney | <input type="checkbox"/> ₆ Newcastle | <input type="checkbox"/> ₇ Elsewhere |

b) **Friends**

- | | | | | |
|---|---|--|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> ₁ In your street/ close neighbourhood | <input type="checkbox"/> ₂ Warnervale District | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ₃ Wyong Shire | <input type="checkbox"/> ₄ Central Coast | <input type="checkbox"/> ₅ Sydney | <input type="checkbox"/> ₆ Newcastle | <input type="checkbox"/> ₇ Elsewhere |

Family, friends and neighbours (contd)

What family/networks do you have? (please write in a number - a good estimate is OK)

c) How many people are part of your extended family (excluding in laws) that you see at least annually?family members
d) How many close friends do you have?close friends
e) How many people do you know to speak to on your street/neighbouring streets?people in the street

What is your experience of living in the Warnervale district community

4. How much do you agree with the following statements? (Please circle a number.)

1 = strongly disagree 7 = strongly agree strongly disagree strongly agree

a) When I go shopping I am likely to meet friends and acquaintances	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
b) It is safe to walk around the area at night	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
c) I generally trust my neighbours to look out for my property	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
d) Children are safe walking around the neighbourhood during the day	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
e) I get involved with most local issues	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
f) I can get help from family when I need to	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
g) I can get help from friends when I need to	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
h) People in my neighbourhood are very willing to help each other out	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
i) If a stranger, someone different to us, moved into my street they would be accepted in the street	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
j) Most of my closest friends have young children	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Your life experience

5. How much do you agree with the following statements:

1 = disagree strongly and 7 = agree strongly disagree strongly agree strongly

a) I have adequate income	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
b) I have the amount and type of employment I want at present <input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
c) I am happy about my housing situation	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
d) I am happy with the level of education I have achieved at this point	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
e) I have OK access to transport to allow me to do the things I want to do	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
f) In general, I have excellent health	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
g) I often feel rushed, pressured and too busy	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
h) It is hard to balance responsibilities at work and home <input type="checkbox"/> not applicable - no paid work	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
i) If I were to die tomorrow I would be satisfied with what my life has meant	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

About you and your household

6. These questions will help us to get a better understanding of who lives in our community and the experiences of different groups of people in the community.

a) Which of the following best describes your accommodation?

- ₁ Fully owned
- ₂ Being purchased
- ₃ Rent public
- ₄ Rent private
- ₅ Living rent free
- ₆ Other

b) What level of education have you completed?

- ₁ Up to end of primary school
- ₂ Some secondary school
- ₃ Up to Year 10
(eg school certificate)
- ₄ Up to Year 12 / HSC
(eg higher school certificate)
- ₅ Trade/apprenticeship
(eg hairdresser, chef)
- ₆ Certificate/diploma
(eg childcare, technician)
- ₇ University degree
- ₈ Post-graduate qualifications
(eg, Grad Dip, Masters, PhD)

c) Who do you live with?

- ₁ Alone
- ₂ Just partner
- ₃ Just children
- ₄ Partner and children
- ₅ Extended or blended family
- ₆ Friends
- ₇ Other

d) Are you of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin?

- ₁ Yes ₂ No

e) What language do you prefer to speak at home?

- ₁ English ₂ Other.....

f) How many children do you have?
(include those not currently living with you) *(Write in how many)*

- children under 5 years of age
- children 5 to 18 years
- adult children 19 years or older
- ₉₉ not applicable no children

g) What would best describe your (and your partner's) employment status?

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| You | Your partner |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ₁ | <input type="checkbox"/> ₁ Working full time |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ₂ | <input type="checkbox"/> ₂ Working part time |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ₃ | <input type="checkbox"/> ₃ Unemployed, looking for work |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ₄ | <input type="checkbox"/> ₄ Home duties |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ₅ | <input type="checkbox"/> ₅ Student |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ₆ | <input type="checkbox"/> ₆ Receiving a benefit/pension |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ₇ | <input type="checkbox"/> ₇ Self-funded retiree |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ₈ | <input type="checkbox"/> ₈ Other..... |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> ₉ not applicable for partner |

h) What is your current annual household income?

- ₁ Less than \$15,000
- ₂ \$15,001 to \$29,999
- ₃ \$30,000 to \$44,999
- ₄ \$45,000 to \$59,999
- ₅ \$60,000 to \$79,999
- ₆ \$80,000 to \$99,999
- ₇ \$100,000+

i) What is your date of birth?.../...../.....

We plan to do another survey next year to see what changes have happened in the community. To be able to see the change we want to be able to match your responses to this survey with the next survey (if you are willing to complete one then). Your date of birth will help us match the two surveys without knowing who you are. Your responses remain **anonymous**.

j) Please fill in the following for each member of your household.

All household members			If in paid work
Person	Age	Male/ Female	Location of work
Person 1 (You)	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁ Female <input type="checkbox"/> ₂ Male
Person 2	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁ Female <input type="checkbox"/> ₂ Male
Person 3	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁ Female <input type="checkbox"/> ₂ Male
Person 4	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁ Female <input type="checkbox"/> ₂ Male
Person 5	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁ Female <input type="checkbox"/> ₂ Male